

and Public Affairs in the Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, she worked tirelessly behind the scenes in the department of Defense to make TRICARE for Life a reality for senior military retirees. The Surgeon General and his staff depended daily on her astute judgment and seasoned advice to meet the increasingly difficult challenges faced by our military departments today as they provide exemplary health care around the world in the 21st century. Colonel Boyle has made a substantial difference in the lives of our young troops and their families everywhere, and has improved the lot of our retired military patriots who have sacrificed so much. She always went the extra mile to serve her country and her fellow man. Her performance reflects greatly on herself, the U.S. Air Force, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America. I extend my deepest appreciation on behalf of a grateful Nation for her dedicated service. Congratulations, Col. Patricia Boyle. I wish you Godspeed.●

#### HELEN VINCENT

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I would like to set aside a few moments today to reflect on the life of a remarkable Delawarean, Helen Vincent, upon her passing at the age of 82. Helen was a good friend and a woman who demonstrated tremendous courage and integrity. She was a woman with a kind heart, diverse interests, great abilities, and boundless energy. In the way she lived her own life, Helen reminded each of us how good we can be.

In her 30 years in Newark, DE, Helen became a well-known political and civic activist who championed ethics and justice. She believed in the democratic process and the value of honesty and integrity. A staunch ally, she was a major figure in our successful efforts to clean up New Castle County politics. We are a better State and a stronger Democratic Party because of her tireless efforts to infuse ethics into politics and her refusal to be deterred.

Helen taught us all how to act responsibly, with vision and determination. She understood the inherent danger that comes from the silence of good people. With her courage, she made it just a bit easier for the rest of us to stand up and make our voices heard.

Like Helen, Lou Gehrig's disease works across boundaries, without regard to racial, ethnic or economic barriers. But while the disease seeks to weaken the body, it proved only to bolster Helen's spirit and resolve. In life, and in facing death, Helen Vincent exemplified grace and grit.

In the face of adversity, Helen seemed to always prevail. Even now, as we reflect on her life, she seems somehow to have triumphed again.

Helen's legacy will live on in the lives of those she helped to shape, in the halls of the institutions she served, and in the hearts of those of us who were lucky enough to call her their

friend. She believed that we could all do a bit better, and inspired us to do just that.

So I rise today to commemorate Helen, to celebrate her life, and to offer her family our support. Helen truly embodied the best of Delaware. She will be sorely missed by all Delawareans who cherish honesty and integrity and who are committed to playing by the rules.●

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to speak in recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic violence continues to be one of the silent tragedies in our society. Because this topic can be uncomfortable to talk about, many people choose to ignore it hoping that it will just go away. This is an unfortunate and, ultimately, harmful response.

Uncomfortable as it may be, we have to recognize that domestic violence occurs far too often and it will continue to occur if we, as a society, fail to take appropriate measures to stop it. We can't know how many occurrences of domestic abuse take place every year because so many of them go unreported. However, estimates range from just under a million to as many as 3 million cases each year.

While this is a staggeringly high number, it represents only one stage in the cycle of abuse that will not end on its own. You see, the women who are abused in these relationships are not the only victims, in the vast majority of these cases, the woman is not the only one who is affected; the children in these families are also victimized.

A man who physically abuses his partner is likely to physically abuse his children as well. But the abuse doesn't have to be physical for it to have a devastating and far-reaching impact. Simply witnessing this kind of abuse begins a cycle of violence that is often passed on from one generation to the next.

We, as a society, have to do better to create an atmosphere in which abused women and children can escape from the abusive relationship. While we have not yet succeeded in addressing this scourge on our society, we have taken some important steps.

Passage of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994 was an important step that has done much to address the problem. A number of other laws at both the Federal and State levels to prevent domestic abuse and punish those who abuse their domestic partners have been enacted over the years.

There are steps being taken to combat domestic violence all over the country at the local levels as well. In my own State of New Mexico, the Dona Ana County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force has recently reconvened. This group, made up of representatives from the law en-

forcement community, the criminal justice system, the religious community, and those in the social services, is charged with helping all victims of domestic violence and sexual violence.

In Santa Fe, NM, the Rape Crisis Center will break ground later this month on a new facility. While I am saddened that we have such a need for this facility, I am pleased to have had a part in making the center a reality by securing \$1 million in the fiscal year 2002 VA-HUD appropriations bill. I believe that it will provide a safe haven for those who have no other way to escape the abuse they are living with.

While these are all important components in the fight against domestic abuse, there is much that still has to be done.

We have an obligation to shine a spotlight on this dark secret. Taking this month to focus on this issue represents an important step in the fight against those who would terrorize their families.

It is my fervent hope that this step leads us to the day when no woman or child has to live in fear in their own home. I remain committed to doing all I can to seeing that hope become reality.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THOMAS SEAY LAWSON

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend and mentor, Judge Thomas Seay Lawson of Montgomery, AL. Judge Lawson died on Monday, September 2, at the age of 96.

Judge Lawson was a native of Greensboro, AL, and was only 32 when he was elected attorney general of the State of Alabama in 1938 after serving for 7 years as an assistant attorney general. He was elected to the first of five consecutive terms to the Alabama Supreme Court in 1942.

Judge Lawson took a leave of absence from the Supreme Court to volunteer for military service during World War II and served as a U.S. Navy officer aboard the U.S.S. Massachusetts, which was involved in major battles in the Pacific theater including Okinawa and Iwo Jima.

He also served for 38 years as a member of the University of Alabama board of trustees and was president pro tem of the board for 10 years. He was a member of the Alabama Academy of Honor. He was the grandson of Thomas Seay, who served as Governor of Alabama from 1886 to 1890.

Judge Lawson earned his bachelor's degree from Davidson College and was a graduate of the University of Alabama Law School. The university conferred upon him a Doctor of Humane Letters degree and Davidson College awarded him its Alumni Citation for Accomplishments in the Field of Law.

He was a member of the Alabama Academy of Honor, Omicron Delta Kappa, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Phi, and a honorary member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He also served as a

commissioner of the National Commission of Digestive Diseases of the National Institute of Health. He was the first president of the Alabama Law School Foundation.

Judge Lawson is survived by his wife Kathleen, his son Thomas Seay Lawson, Jr., his daughter Jule, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Judge Lawson was a good friend, a patriarch of his community, a great leader of the State of Alabama, and a much-beloved family man. He will be greatly missed by many.●

#### TRIBUTE TO PETTUS RANDALL

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, H. Pettus Randall III, of Tuscaloosa, AL. Pettus Randall died on Saturday, September 7, at the age of 57.

Pettus was a native of Tuscaloosa, AL and attended the University of Alabama where he received bachelor's degrees in English and history. He attended New York University's Graduate School of Business and completed his law degree at the University of Alabama in 1971.

Following the death of his father, Henry Pettus Randall Jr., in 1976, Pettus took over the publishing company that his father had started in 1934. Pettus grew Randall Publishing Company from a \$1 million a year company into the \$70 million a year nationwide operation it is today. Randall Publishing Company employs more than 600 workers in 20 States and is one of the largest publishers in construction and trucking. It is among the 20 largest privately held U.S. publishing companies and was rated the sixth-fastest-growing publishing companies in the United States.

Under Pettus' management, Randall Publishing Company employees were among the first in the Nation to have 401(k) benefits and, as Randall Publishing Company grew, the growth of equity was shared with each employee.

In the summer of 2000, I had the honor of introducing then-Governor George W. Bush to Pettus at an event at Randall Publishing Company.

Pettus served as president of the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Tuscaloosa Kiwanis Club. He chaired State campaigns for the Cancer Society and Christ Episcopal Church in Tuscaloosa. He worked with United Way, Tuscaloosa Boys and Girls Clubs, March of Dimes and the Tuscaloosa Association of Retarded Citizens.

Pettus and his wife, Catherine were recognized this year by the Alexis de Tocqueville Society for their contributions to the quality of life in west Alabama. In May, he received the west Alabama Chamber's lifetime achievement award and was named Tuscaloosa County's citizen of the year.

Pettus also found time to raise a family. He and Catherine raised three exceptional children. Their daughter

Jaynie Rogers attends an MBA program at Harvard. Their daughter Kate is a graduate of both Vanderbilt and Cambridge Universities, and is about to join an investment management firm in Los Angeles. Their son Pettus IV attends Princeton University.

Pettus Randall was a good friend, a patriarch of the Tuscaloosa community, and a much-beloved family man. He will be greatly missed by many.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:17 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 163. An act to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to exempt mortgage servicers from certain requirements of the Act with respect to federally related mortgage loans secured by a first lien, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2578. An act to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 2672. An act to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3100. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for the expansion of areas designated as renewal communities based on 2000 census data.

H.R. 3340. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow certain catch-up contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan to be made by participants age 50 or over; to reauthorize the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Special Counsel; and for other purposes.

H.R. 3731. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase amounts available to State approving agencies to ascertain the qualifications of educational institutions for furnishing courses of education to veterans and eligible persons under the Montgomery GI Bill and under other programs of education administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4005. An act to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to commemorate the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4561. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that agencies, in promulgating rules, take into consideration the impact of such rules on the privacy of individuals, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4685. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to expand the types of Federal agencies that are required to prepare audited financial statements.

H.R. 5083. An act to designate the United States courthouse at South Federal Place in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as the "Santiago E. Compos United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5169. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works.

H.R. 5331. An act to amend the General Education Provisions Act to clarify the definition of a student regarding family educational and privacy rights.

H.R. 5335. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 200 West 2nd Street in Dayton, Ohio, as the "Tony Hall Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5340. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5805 White Oak Avenue in Encino, California, as the "Francis Doyle 'Chick' Hearn Post Office".

H.R. 5385. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5427. An act to designate the Federal building located at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building".

H.R. 5469. An act to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the statutory license for webcasting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5507. An act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to adjust the exempt transactions amount for inflation.

H.R. 5531. An act to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan.

H.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution recognizing Commodore John Barry as the first flag officer of the United States Navy.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 116. Concurrent resolution recommending the integration of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

H. Con. Res. 409. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Community Role Models Week, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 411. Concurrent resolution recognizing the exploits of the officers and crew of the S.S. Henry Bacon, a United States Liberty ship that was sunk on February 23, 1945.

H. Con. Res. 465. Concurrent resolution recognizing, applauding, and supporting the efforts of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Georgia, to utilize veteran aviators of the Armed Forces and former Army Aviation aircraft to inspire Americans and to ensure that our Nation's military legacy and heritage of service are never forgotten.

H. Con. Res. 503. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 2215.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2121) to make available funds under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to expand